

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 121-140 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 121 is currently amended.

**II. The Amendment**

Claim 121 is amended to insert two commas in order to make the claim easier to read. This claim has been amended in order to correct a minor typographical error.

**III. Election of Species**

Applicants are required to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants elect the following species:

- (1) in category A (recognition moiety), antigen: for example, biotin;
- (2) in category B (analyte), antibody: for example, goat anti-biotin antibody, and
- (3) in category C (patterned surface production method), microcontact printing.

The election of antigen in category A is readable upon claims 121 and 132-135. The election of antibody in category B is readable upon claim 121. The election of microcontact printing in category C is readable upon claim 124.

**CONCLUSION**

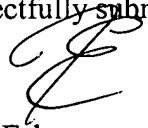
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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